



# **PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**Washington State**

**Emergency Management Division**

# PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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- In Case of Emergency



# PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OVERVIEW

- What is the State's Role in a disaster or an emergency?
- What is the Public Assistance (PA) Program's Purpose?
- What is the PA Process?



# STATE'S ROLE

- Provide coordination and support from the State Emergency Operation Center following an event to:
  - Coordinate resources
  - Maintain an operational awareness through State & Jurisdictional Situation Reports
  - Provide WA EMD liaisons to local EOCs
  - Coordinate a statewide point of information through Public Information Officers
  - Identify short and long term planning issues – specific to the event
  - Work with Governor to issue Proclamation of Emergency



# STATE'S ROLE

- Collect initial damage assessment data
- Work with counties to identify need for Preliminary Damage Assessments for public facilities
- Coordinate Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) collection with Counties, State Agencies, and Potential Applicants
- Request and participate in Joint PDA with FEMA

## If substantiated by PDA:

- Prepare Governor's letter of request to President for Major Disaster Declaration



# PA PROGRAM'S PURPOSE

To provide federal/state  
grant assistance to  
public agencies who  
have suffered from the  
effects of a major  
disaster or an  
emergency



Clallam County – January 2009



# FEDERAL AUTHORITY



Authorized by the  
Robert T. Stafford  
Disaster Relief and  
Emergency Assistance  
Act, as amended



# FUNDING

- Provides 75% federal funds
- Non-federal 25% match, as determined by the State Legislature, usually split between applicant and state
- Only available in declared counties following a Presidential Declaration of Emergency or Disaster



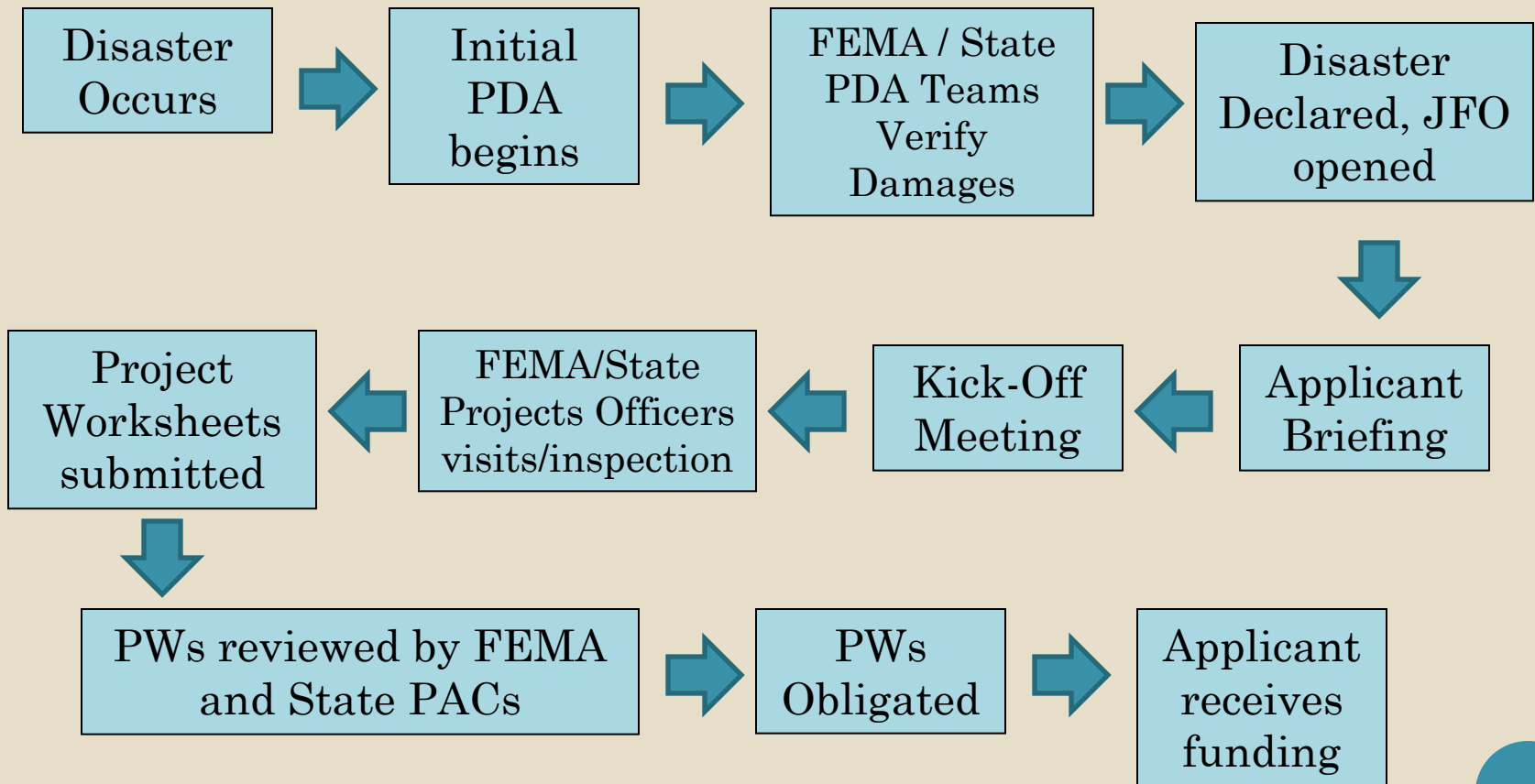


# WASHINGTON STATE DISASTERS

| <u>Disaster</u> | <u>Disaster Date</u> | <u>Total Funded</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1361-DR-WA      | 2/2001               | \$83,549,349        |
| 1499-DR-WA      | 11/2003              | \$11,434,225        |
| 1641-DR-WA      | 1-2/2006             | \$ 8,452,625        |
| 1671-DR-WA      | 11/2006              | \$32,402,413        |
| 1682-DR-WA      | 12/2006              | \$38,832,929        |
| 1734-DR-WA      | 12/2007              | \$67,376,983        |
| 1817-DR-WA      | 01/2009              | \$63,151,961        |
| 1825-DR-WA      | 12/2008              | \$34,274,033        |



# HOW DO WE GET DISASTER AID?



# PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS

- A Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) identifies the initial cost estimate of damages for governmental agencies, private non-profits, and tribal governments.
- Damage estimates are consolidated by county to determine if federally mandated thresholds have been reached
- Additional Statewide threshold must be met to be considered for disaster aid
- FEMA/State PDA teams verify costs



# WHY PARTICIPATE IN A PDA

- First Step to Receive Federal \$\$
  - Identifies if Your Agency has Damage
  - County Must Qualify
  - State Must Qualify
  - Identifies Potential Funding Needs (FEMA, FHWA, USACE, NRCS, & BIA)
  - Identifies Potential Number of Applicants
- *To Be Successful, All Need to Participate*



# PDA COST LIMITATIONS

- **Only** Damages Occurring within *Identified Event Period*
- Cost to return back to pre-disaster *Condition* and *Capacity*
- **Cannot** recognize:
  - Adopted Codes and Standards
  - Anticipated Costs for Permit Conditions
  - Potential Hazard Mitigation
  - Negligence
  - Inactive Facilities
  - Contingencies – Repairs only made if a disaster is declared or FEMA pays
- Insurance Deductibles



# APPLICANT BRIEFING

- The State will coordinate the applicant briefing locations, dates, and times with the county emergency management director in each declared county. The briefings are normally held at the county level. The potential number of applicants and the area involved in the disaster will determine the number of briefings held. The county emergency management directors make the arrangements for the briefing locations



# KICKOFF MEETINGS

- Scheduled by the State PACs
- Generally scheduled at the Applicant Briefing
- Scheduled with Applicants who have completed a Request for Public Assistance (RPA)
- Applicant identifies all damages to FEMA/State
- Applicants will receive:
  - State Public Assistance Manual,
  - Public Assistance Guide, FEMA No. 322, and
  - Public Assistance Policy Digest, FEMA No. 321.



# KICKOFF MEETINGS

The applicant should come away with an understanding of :

- Eligible categories of work
- Project development & review process
- Special considerations (i.e. floodplain, environmental, historic)
- Small and large projects
- Contracting
- Documentation requirements.





# CATEGORIES OF WORK

## Emergency Work

- A - Debris Removal
- B - Emergency Protective Measures

## Permanent Work

- C - Road Systems
- D - Water Control Facilities
- E - Public Buildings & Equipment
- F - Public Utility Systems
- G - Parks and Other Facilities



# ELIGIBLE ITEMS – EMERGENCY WORK

- An eligible activity must be essential to meeting an immediate threat to life or property during or resulting from the declared event.
  - Overtime for Regular Employees to Include Benefits
  - All Hours (Regular & Overtime) for Temporary Hires Including Benefits
  - All Equipment Hours
  - Materials
  - Contracts



# ELIGIBLE ITEMS – PERMANENT WORK

- Repair, restore or replace damaged facilities to pre-disaster design, capacity and condition
  - Regular and Overtime (Including Benefits) of ALL Employees
  - Equipment Costs
  - Materials
  - Contracts

